



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 3, 2004
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber, and Commissioners Gerich, Iskow and Johnson
Absent: Commissioners Lopez, McNulty Winkler and Dr. Takle Quinn.
Also Present: Deputy County Librarian Sarah Flowers and City of Los Altos Liaison
Donna Legge.

REORGANIZATION

COMMISSIONER ISKOW MOVED that Jim Thurber be appointed as the Chairperson to the Library Commission. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED that Julie Iskow be appointed as the Vice-Chair. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER ISKOW MOVED that the minutes of December 2, 2003 be approved as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Cheryl shared January events and announced upcoming events and library attractions. Circulation staff has been busy with a record check-in and checkout day of 18,000 items being processed. The County recently replaced stools at computer stations with new chairs in the adult area of the library and new Mity-Lite tables for the Program Room. The libraries will be hosting service awards. Commissioner Thurber will investigate what the status is on the silent reading area project.

Sarah Flowers, Deputy County Librarian

Sarah announced that Frank Garcia will be retried from his position as an Administrative Support Officer (facilities). The County purchased a new Book Mobile. It was recommended that staff try to reserve the new book mobile for the Community Picnic in August. The Silicon Valley Reads program has various activities to promote Ray Bradbury's book "Fahrenheit 451" including book discussions, newspaper stories and other events. Sarah announced that the JPA met and discussed the fiscal 5-year forecast that was presented by Gay Strand. The new City liaison, Curtis Cole was in attendance. A study session will be held to discuss library priorities and goals. Beginning in April the standard fines will increase from 20 cents to 25 cents. The JPA will be reviewing other fines and fees at their April meeting.

Donna Drako, Friends of the Library

Donna announced that the Friends raised \$20,000 at the January used book sale. This was the most profitable book sale yet. Donna announced that individuals were needed to help drive or walk the precincts with high school students on February 14 and 21, to promote Measure B.

Teen Services

Los Altos library staff met with Mountain View Library staff to share ideas on serving teens. In March the teen services staff will begin working with the volunteer coordinator to work with the teen volunteers as a start. Some ideas include updating the teen displays, recruiting teen reviewers, making school contacts and looking how to update the teen area.

Parcel Tax Update

Many volunteers have assisted with the Measure B campaign. A fundraiser will be held on February 11 at the Cupertino Senior Center. Melinda has been busy with editorial boards and the local press.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Commission Funds

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission